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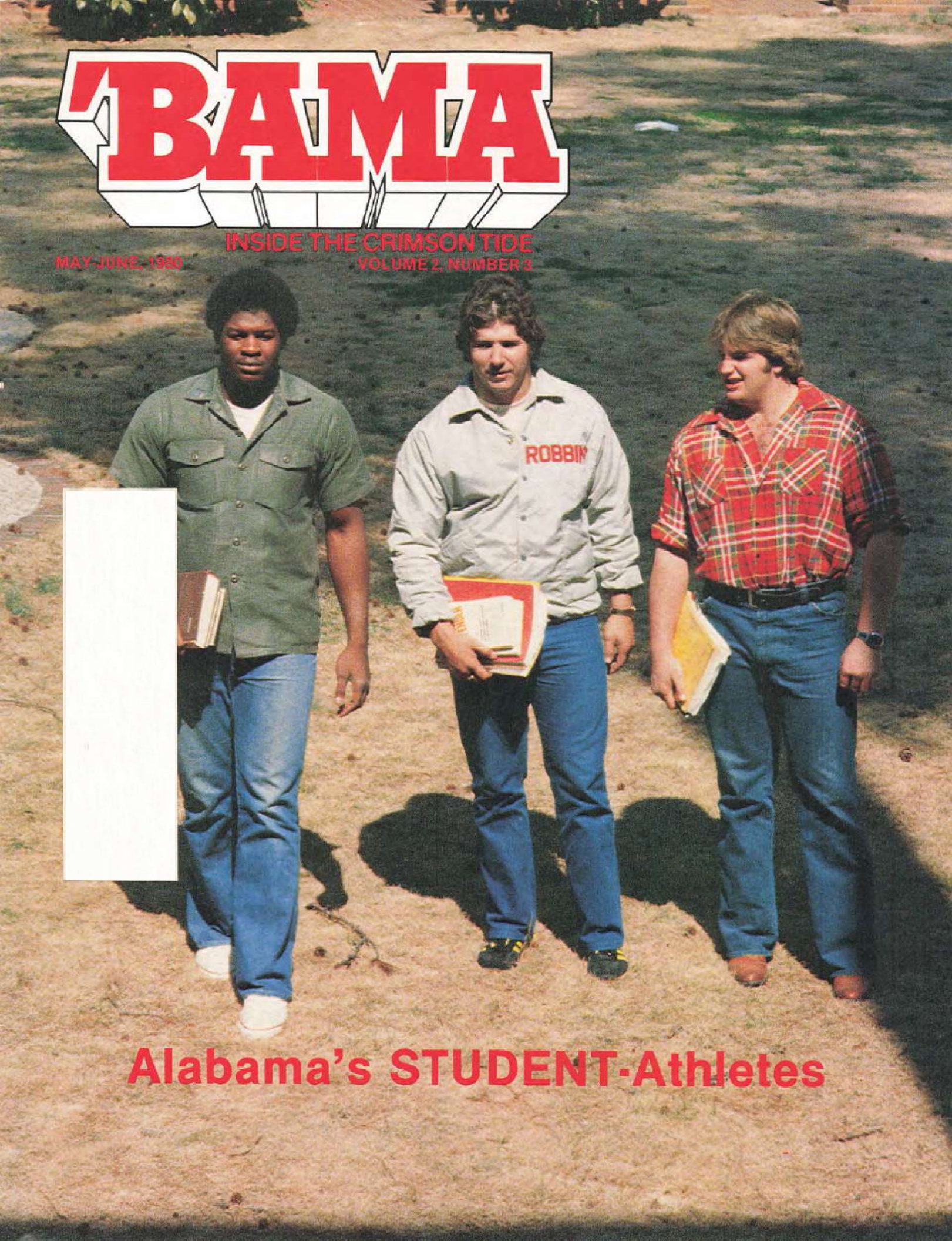

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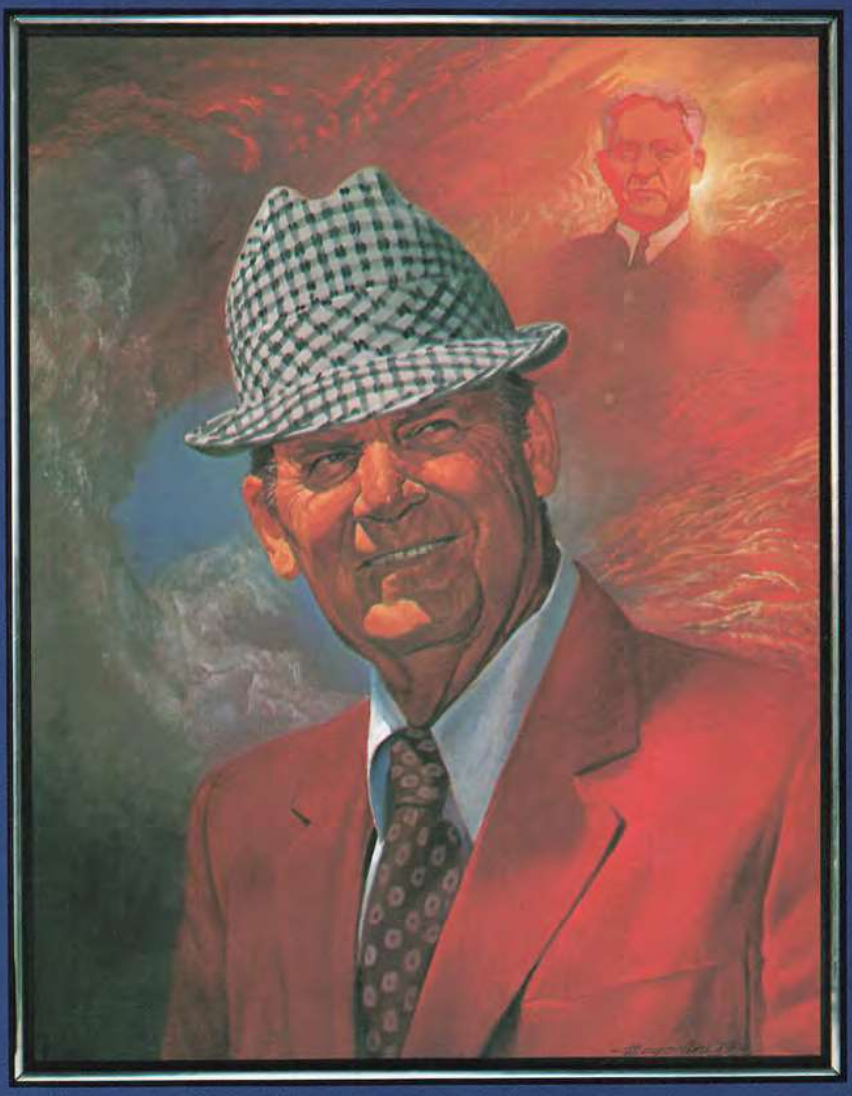

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Is This Tide Ready?

by Kirk McNair

A giant question mark was hanging over the University of Alabama football team as spring training, 1980, got under way. With the completion of those drills most of the questions remain unanswered.

General consensus was that the 1980 offense could not be as good as the 1979 attack group. Spring results emphasized that conclusion. On the plus side, many felt that the defense—losing just three bonafide starters from last year's group that led the nation in scoring defense—could be better. However, no less a judge than Ken Donahue, Alabama's defensive coordinator, insists that is not a logical hope. "We had a pretty good defense last year, didn't we?" he asks, implying that a such a performance can't be expected every season.

So does that mean that Alabama's quest for a third straight national championship is thwarted before it begins? Not at all. Coach Bryant is still on our side. But much works remains in the late summer drills before the September 6 opener against Georgia Tech in Birmingham.

The biggest questions facing Alabama coaches and players are the replacement of Steadman Shealy at quarterback and the rebuilding of an offensive line that was graduated end-to-end. Because Don Jacobs was recuperating from knee surgery and unable to participate in spring training, the quarterback situation will remain an unknown factor. Don spent the spring as an observer of quarterback drills, but was able to jog to a limited extent and to pass a great deal. Jacobs, as Shealy did last year, will spend the summer in Tuscaloosa, begin running June 1 and should be in to agility drills by the end of June. But his status will remain questionable until he has been tested in fall work.

Alan Gray, particularly, and Micheal Landrum, to a lesser extent, made progress in the spring, as did Greg Haynes, who was Bama's scout team quarterback the last part of last season. Tommy Wilcox worked at quarterback for eight days and showed exceptional carryover from his days as a signal caller before making the switch to strong safety last fall. Alabama plans also include Major Ogilvie at quarterback, much as they did Wilcox last year. Major will keep his hand in the quarterback picture just enough to do a few basic things if needed, "to keep us from losing or, if we have the game won, go ahead and win it," according to coach Bryant. Wilcox will also keep his hand in the quarterback picture so that if he's needed he won't have too far to go to be capable of running the offense. The hope is that he won't be needed.

Alabama's depth chart when fall drills begin will list both Jacobs and Gray on the first unit. Alabama coaches expect that Haynes and one of the freshmen signee quarterbacks will be able to provide depth so that Landrum can be redshirted.

Gray had only limited varsity game time last fall, but indicated (notably against Florida) that he is capable of moving the offense. His spring work was good in running the football and reading and operating the difficult option moves.

A number of factors, some interrelated, contributed to a less-than-sensational spring for the offense. Not having a true veteran at quarterback was a major difficulty. Inexperienced quarterbacks and receivers were keys to a generally poor passing game in spring drills. An all-new offensive line would have presented problems in any case, but added to that was the attack unit having to work against a good, seasoned defense which knows the offensive plan.

It was a very basic, learning-type, spring training for the offense. The plan was to concentrate on techniques with little regard to actual assignments. The result is that it's hard to judge progress.

As is usually the case, Bama saved some of its practice work for after the annual A-Day game. Unusual was that five practices, rather than the usual two, were used after the Red-White contest. And, something that seems to be more usual than it probably is, a couple of Tiders were hurt in those extra days. Fortunately, Bama seems to have come out of 1980 spring training in reasonably good physical condition, partly because so much time was spent learning rather than hitting.

If there is one area in which Alabama could ill afford injuries it was the offensive line. In one of the final practices of the spring two men counted on heavily for offensive line work went down with knee injuries, tackles Eddie McCombs and Bob Cayavec. Neither was bad enough to require surgery.

Southeastern Conference coaches this year voted Alabama line coach Dee Powell as the league's Working Coach of the Year for the job he did with Bama's of-

fensive line in 1979. Before giving Dee his due plaudits, coach Bryant pointed to the present situation with a short barb, wondering how Dee was coming along building the line for 1980. No one's going to get fat-headed in the Crimson Tide family.

With scholarship and squad limits, most all football teams have good players at the so-called skill positions, running back, receiver, secondary, linebacker. Because they can use their hands, defensive linemen are not particularly difficult to train and most teams consider them strengths. The difference between a poor team and a good team, and between a good team and a great one, is generally offensive linemen, players who are in short supply.

Alabama's wishbone offense depends on a good offensive line for success. While it's not realistic to expect this year's line to be as good as the one that performed in 1978 and 1979, it probably won't be as poor as some have predicted, notably coach Bryant. Said the Bama head coach prior to the A-Day game: "We don't have in the line up front, offensively, anyone who has a lot of playing experience and has proven to be a good football player. As of today, if we were playing a conference game, we would be playing an offensive line that wouldn't be good enough to play in the Southeastern Conference. Frankly, so far, I don't think we've accomplished as much as we should have, although a lot of times you don't see the fruits of the work until later. Many times I've seen players come along and be ordinary and all of a sudden wake up and be a player. That's what we call our pleasant surprises."

Two men were moved from the defensive line to the offensive line in spring training, Doug Collins and Joe Beasley. The offensive front also has a handful of men who are by no means rookies, men who have been key backup performers to the best offensive line in Alabama history over the past couple of years—McCombs, Scott Allison, Joe Robbins, Vince Cowell, Bill Searcey, Danny Holcombe, Gary Bramblett and Rusty Faust. The offensive front will almost certainly be built from those, along with Steve Mott, Cayavec, Beasley and Collins. No one is counting on incoming freshmen to play in the offensive line, although signee Mark Jackson is considered one of the top prospects in the nation. Coach Bryant has also said privately that he is going to look at 6-3, 227-pound fullback Mike Rodriguez in the offensive line.

Bart Krout missed much of spring training with an elbow injury, his third injury while at Alabama. Coach Bryant had planned to look at Earl Collins, a 6-1, 195-pounder, at split end. Collins also had work at tight end and there he was one of the most pleasant surprises of the spring. Larry Brown is still at tight end, although his lack of speed makes him more of a candidate for an offensive tackle position.

Tide quarterback Alan Gray (14) showed a great deal of improvement this spring, particularly in his ability to turn the big running play. Spectrum-Southeast Photo

Keith Marks had the best spring at split end, although walkon Darryl White was a very pleasant surprise. Oddly, both are sons of Alabama assistant coaches, Marks the son of receiver coach Bobby and White the son of running back coach Shorty. Timmy Clark did not have near the spring that his potential suggests he should have. Ry Ogilvie missed spring training because of mononucleosis. There's good reason to believe that an incoming freshman (specifically Jesse Bendross) could be a contender at split end.

Alabama's only two returning offensive starters are in the backfield, halfbacks Ogilvie and Billy Jackson. Both were hampered by injuries last year, particularly Jackson, but both had outstanding Sugar Bowl games. Ogilvie will be at right halfback and that's about the only position that is truly set on offense for 1980. Jackson will almost certainly start, either at left half (where he played last year) or fullback (where he played in 1978). If Jackson is at fullback, based on spring training Joe Jones would be at left half, backed by talented Kenny Simon (who missed most of the spring with a sprained toe), Ben Orcutt and James Haney. If Jackson is at left half, the fullback will probably be Mitch Ferguson, backed by Charlie Williams, Roosevelt Wilder and John Hill. Ogilvie will be backed by Mark Nix and Jeff Fagan (who didn't have a good spring blocking after being a very impressive blocker late in his freshman season). Alabama coaches admit that the talent in the backfield is the best since the Tide has been in the wishbone offense. This is also an area, despite the talented depth, where some signees could be a factor. Linnie Patrick, 5-10, 175, is being considered as a possibility at *fullback* on the theory that he is strong enough to handle the postion and that if he's at fullback opposing defenses will have to pull in tight. Joe Carter, who is one of the fastest men ever signed by Alabama, will also get a look.

Defensively, there are not near the questions as offensively. Coach Bryant admits that "we do have one deep returning in all positions who we think can

play. If they have the same goals and pride and class they had a year ago and don't get hurt, we should be adequate." The starters to be replaced are tackle David Hannah, end Wayne Hamilton and cornerback Don McNeal. Curtis McGriff also started about half the time at noseguard, but that can be put down to him being a senior and Warren Lyles, who saw much more playing time, being a sophomore.

Hannah will probably be replaced by one of the most pleasant surprises of the spring, 6-5, 252-pound sophomore Jackie Cline. Scott Homan and Danny Casteel are also in the picture, as is three-year walkon Richard Shinn. Coach Donahue handles the three interior defensive linemen and traditionally he has used only about four men for those three spots. Lyles and Byron Braggs are the two returning starters with Braggs able to play both tackle and noseguard. Cline can play both tackles.

If there was a spot where Alabama could afford to graduate a man it was probably defensive end. E. J. Junior, one of the best in Bama history, returns for his senior season at right end. Gary DeNiro is ahead on the left side, although 6-5, 240-pound Mike Pitts probably has more natural talent. John Mauro is also experienced on the flank.

Linebacker is indeed a strong point. Randy Scott is a steady performer, while Thomas Boyd has talent to burn. Both are returning starters. Robbie Jones saw limited duty as a backup man last year, Ricky Rozzell somewhat less. Perhaps the most impressive of the spring linebackers was transfer Eddie Lowe, Woodrow's younger brother. And this spot will get a wealth of incoming talent with the 1980 freshman class, including Marcus Hill, Lloyd Wofford, Steve Booker, Dante Bramblett, Anthony Smiley and Daryl Purvine—all ranked among the nation's top prospects.

The outlook in the secondary depends to some degree on the quarterback situation, but even if Wilcox moves to offense it should be good defensive backfield. Jim Bob Harris at either safety and Ricky Tucker at either free safety or right halfback are proven performers. Mike Clements wea a steady performer last year, particularly late in the season. Jeremiah Castille at left halfback has talent to burn. Al Blue, walkon Johnny Dyess (Scooter's nephew and converted from running back) and Jerrill Sprinkle had good spring practices. A couple of men returning from injuries, Ken Coley (who is about a month ahead of Jacobs on the road to recovery from knee surgery) and

Jackie Cline (98), a 6-5, 252-pound sophomore, is expected to take over the defensive tackle post left vacant by the graduation of David Hannah.

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Benny Perrin (who suffered a broken hand playing baseball), are also factors.

On paper and on the field, this has appeared to be an outstanding defense that can overcome its losses to graduation. Coach Bryant worries about the defensive unit being fatheaded. Coach Donahue, who outranks even coach Bryant as a pessimist, says that the year of experience that most of the defenders have received doesn't offset the loss of quality performers.

Coach Bryant would not approve of a recap fo the football team listing the kicking game last because he knows that it is one of the most important phases of the game. Punter Woody Umphrey and punt return men Major Ogilvie and Ken Coley (perhaps) return. The rest of the game must be rebuilt. It was generally assumed before spring drills began that transfer Peter Kim, a soccer-style kicker, would outduel another sidewinder, Paul Trodd for the placekicking job. However, Kim suffered a pulled muscle in the spring and Johnny Brooker (volunteer coach and former Tide great Tommy's nephew) was perhaps the most consistent placekicker in the spring. He was the outstanding player of the spring game, kicking three field goals, longest 46. Timmy Clark should be the kickoff man, but coach Bryant won't take Clark just to kickoff. He'll have to improve on his play at split end to earn a place on the team. Robbins is expected to be the snapper, filling big shoes left by Barry Smith, one of the best ever at that speciality.

Coach Bryant, who missed about five early spring practices while recovering from a pulmonary infection, feels that the defense and kicking must carry Bama through about nine games "and by the Notre Dame game we would be as good as our potential permits," he hopes.

The offense must come together quickly in the fall, while the defense must stay together. Coach Bryant is not pleased with overall team speed, but he never is. The offensive line can ill afford early fall injuries.

No doubt Alabama, working on a 21-game winning streak, will be highly-ranked in pre-season polls. Early, at least, the Tide will probably be overrated. But if Bama can get through the early part of the schedule, the 1980 edition could be in competition for that third national championship late in the year—and that's when it counts.

Wimp Sanderson:

A Gamble Pays Off

by Kirk McNair

The worst kept secret so far in 1980 is probably the announcement that Alabama's C. M. Newton was going to make this his last year as a head basketball coach, accepting a long-standing offer to join Dr. Boyd McWhorter in the Southeastern Conference office. But though nearly everyone knew it was coming, and in spite of the fact that all who appreciate the job that C. M. Newton has done felt affected by his decision, only one man really had to put his career on the line.

"I guess you could say it was a gamble," says Winfrey Worrell Sanderson in between hectic trips, the telephone, and all the other duties that come with being Alabama's 16th head basketball coach. Coach Sanderson, who was known as "Wimp" long before that word entered into slang usage, is thought to have been offered the head coaching position at Tennessee Tech shortly before coach Newton made his decision known. "I took my name out of the job picture at Tennessee Tech, but I did so not knowing whether C. M. would be back. However, I thought if he returned this year it was only a matter of another season or two before he did not. I just felt that I would be better off here if he decided to leave."

Coach Sanderson met with coach Newton at the NCAA championships in Indianapolis, but coach Newton had not yet made up his mind if he was going to hang it up. "He told me that if he did resign that he would recommend me as his successor, but emphasized that he could make no guarantees," Wimp remembers. "I really didn't know until five days before it was announced."

It would have been a relief to Sanderson to have known that Alabama associate athletics director Sam Bailey was making plans in case Newton decided to leave the post he has manned so well for 12 years. Coach Bailey did groundwork on his own and came to the conclusion that if a new man had to be found, it would take just looking in the office next to Newton's.

Sanderson never applied for the job as head basketball coach. "Anyone who knows me would know that I would want the job," he says with a laugh. "But I felt that I didn't need to apply for it, that those in position to make the decision knew me well enough to decide if I deserved the chance."

Bailey explains "we looked for a person who had four qualities—hard work, ability to recruit, knowledge as a coach, and the ability to motivate people. And Wimp has proven over the years without a questio he has those four qualities."

No details of the contract were announced, but it is believed that Sanderson has a three-year pact. Wimp was also fortunate to retain to services of the remainder of the Bama staff, John Bostick and Leroy McClendon. McClendon has been a parttime coach, but with the new NCAA rule that parttime coaches may not recruit, McClendon—an outstanding recruiter—will move to fulltime status. A parttime coach will be named later. John Treloar, who has been an assistant in the women's program, will serve as academic counselor.

Sanderson has made it clear that while he admires the record and performance of Newton, he will have to be his own man. "Basically, we'll be the same type basketball team, which means offensively we'll emphasize the fast break and the inside game and defensively we'll want to play man-to-man, but my personality is not the same as C. M.'s and I think it would be a mistake for me to attempt to be a copy of him."

Wimp has been most visible as an Alabama assistant, primarily because of his bench activity during games. "I'm probably a more excitable person; I tend to show my emotions more than many," says Sanderson. "But I'm mature enough to handle it. I'd never do anything to cause disrespect to the basketball team or the university. In 20 years at Alabama I've had two technical fouls called on me—one in Tuscaloosa and one at Vanderbilt. A bunch of my friends have asked me who's going to coach the second half, but I plan to."

Alabama's new head basketball coach has always been a whirlwind of activity and he promises "I'll work from sunup to sundown and beyond to keep this program competitive. I'm going to work harder than anyone's ever worked in coaching. I'm sure I'll make mistakes, but they'll be honest and they'll be made fullspeed.

"Unquestionably I've got a tough act to follow and there's going to be a lot of pressure on me, but no one is going to put more pressure on me than I will myself."

The first matter of business for the Alabama basketball staff is to wind up recruiting. The Tide thus far has added the top two players in Alabama plus an outstanding point guard from New Jersey to the program. It is hoped that at least one big man will complete the gathering of new players. Top prospect is Charles Jones of Scooba, Mississippi, who has

also been considering Mississippi State, Louisville, Georgia and Iowa. Alabama also received a commitment for a visit from one of the nation's top prospects, Russell Cross of Chicago. Cross, 6-11, has an Alabama connection in that his mother was born in Livingston and he still has relatives in West Alabama. It's probably not realistic to expect to sign Cross, but it doesn't hurt a program to be listed with UCLA, Purdue, DePaul and Illinois as among his final choices.

As everyone knows, the Alabama basketball program has been built on the strength of players from Alabama. "We've had some criticism for spending so much time recruiting in-state," says Sanderson, "but people in the coaching profession outside of Alabama have a great deal of respect for what this staff has done. All of them wish they were able to do the same thing we've been doing. This is not to say we're not going to recruit out of state, but it is to say we're going to do the very best job we can recruiting quality players inside the state we feel will fit into our program."

There are some very good reasons for that policy. Recruiting rules, particularly the three contact and official visit regulations, are more easily applied to in-state players. The in-state players are generally more aware of the strengths of a program. The closer a player is to home during his college career is generally helpful to his staying in the program and completing his degree requirements. Fans who have followed a player in his high school career are more interested in following that player through his college career. And a strong university program using in-state players is good for the high school programs of the state, which is a two-way street.

The upcoming year is certainly a good one to stress in-state recruiting. The general feeling is that the Alabama high school class of 1981 will produce some of the finest basketball prospects ever in Alabama, led by 6-3 Ennis Whatley of Birmingham Phillips and 6-10 Bobby Hurt of Huntsville Butler.

The new players in Alabama's basketball program are: Terry Williams, 6-8 wing player from Elkmont, who averaged 25 points, 15.1 rebounds, 4.7 blocked shots and shot 65.3 percent from the field; Eric Richardson of Birmingham Carver, a 6-3 guard who was named top prospect in Alabama after averaging 16 points, 5 rebounds and assists and 3 steals per game as a senior and who was a four-year starter who led his team to state championships in 1978 and 1979; and Sammy Randolph, 6-3, of Trenton, New Jersey, considered one of the top point guards in the nation after averaging 17 points, 9 rebounds and 8 assists on a team that went 27-5 and was runner-up in the state. All were all-state performers.

Visibility has been a Sanderson trademark as an excited benchman during Alabama basketball games, but Wimp insists he won't be a coach drawing technical fouls. University of Alabama photo

Carl Mitchell of Dothan, a 6-7 forward who would be a junior, is not expected to return to Alabama next season. However, Desi Barrimore, a 6-6 inside player who transferred from Southeast Missouri State where he led the conference in scoring and rebounding as a freshman in 1979, becomes eligible as a sophomore at Alabama in 1980-81.

Wimp didn't take long to begin sounding like a head coach when he discussed the schedule of the Crimson Tide in the upcoming season. "We really have a tough schedule and that makes things difficult," he says. "We're still looking for one non-conference game for November 28th (the night before the Alabama-Auburn football game) in Birmingham, but right now we have LaSalle in Philadelphia, Wisconsin in Tuscaloosa and Texas Tech in Birmingham. We also have two tournaments in five days, the Cable Car Classic in San Francisco December 19 and 20 and the Aladdin Cage Classic in Las Vegas December 22 and 23 (although it may be canceled) and we have to get

right back from there to open our Southeastern Conference schedule on December 27 against Vanderbilt in Nashville." Alabama will play only one conference game in December with the remainder of league play beginning January 3 at home against Tennessee.

Wimp Sanderson came to Alabama in 1960 as a graduate assistant coach under Hayden Riley. He and his wife, the former Annette Harrison, borrowed a friend's coal truck to move from Carbon Hill to Tuscaloosa. After completing his requirements for a master's degree in school administration he joined the staff as a fulltime assistant.

A native of Florence, Wimp played college basketball at Abilene Christian College before transferring to his hometown college, Florence State (now the University of North Alabama). Following graduation in 1959 he coached Carbon Hill high school to a 25-4 record and the district title before moving to Alabama.

"I honestly hoped that C. M. would never leave," says Sanderson, adding with a grin, "I've asked him three times to take the job back. But I think he really helped prepare me for this. As he did with John and Leroy, he gave me a great deal of responsibility in all areas, on-the-floor coaching, recruiting, scouting, scheduling.

"Really," and the grin returns again, "the only area that C. M. kept to himself and which we'll have to find someone to take over is free throw coaching."

Wimp has three sons, Jim who plays basketball at North Alabama, Scott who just signed a grant-in-aid with South Carolina, and Barry.

Sanderson, indeed, has big shoes to fill. In addition to being a fine basketball coach, C. M. Newton has been one of the best-liked and most respected men in the nation in his profession. At Alabama he compiled a 211-123 record, won three SEC chanpionships, took Bama to two NCAA tournaments and four NIT tournaments.

"C. M. has given us 12 years of many things, including a fine basketball program," noted Bailey. "We regret that he is leaving us, but we are happy for him to be joining the conference office so we can share him."

Newton came to Alabama in 1969 from Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky. His Alabama teams won SEC championships in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Bama went from an SEC lightweight to a national contender as he built the Crimson Tide with Alabama prep stars, including Wendell Hudson, Ray Odums, Leon Douglas, Charles Cleveland, T. R. Dunn, Anthony Murray and Reggie King. His record has put him among the nation's top twenty coaches in winning percentage for the past few years and under his leadership Bama is the only team in the SEC to have upper division finishes over the past nine years. His teams won 22 or more games six times in the past eight years, including a school record 25 wins in 1977.

Wimp Sanderson (right) replaces C. M. Newton (left) as head basketball coach at Alabama. Sanderson says that Bama will remain basically the same type team, but that he'll be his own personality. University of Alabama photo

He played at Kentucky under the legendary Adolph Rupp. When Transylvania went looking for a coach, Rupp was consulted. Later he would say "I sent them Newton because he was the best man for the job." Although never a star player at Kentucky, Newton remained among Rupp's favorites until the Baron's death.

No doubt a factor in C. M.'s decision to accept the conference offer was son Martin being a starting player at Samford University in Birmingham. Last year the father saw the son play only three games. C. M. and Evelyn's daughters, Debbie and Tracy, alumnae of Alabama, are working in New York and Miami.

"It was a difficult decision to leave coaching and even more difficult to leave a fine job and a great athletic program here at Alabama," says Newton. "I am delighted for Wimp and I look forward to working with the finest conference office in the country and Dr. McWhorter, a man I respect a great deal."

C. M.'s duties as assistant commissioner include supervision of basketball officiating and the in-season and post-season SEC basketball competition. He will also be involved in rules interpretations, eligibility of student-athletes and general staff duties. If he had any fences to mend with officials, C. M. probably went a long way towards that last season in an unprecedented move. SEC coaches are allowed to scratch two men on the list of SEC officials, assuring that those will never work their games. C. M. did not scratch an official last season.

Newton noted that "Dr. McWhorter told me that I couldn't have favorites now. I told him that I would be fair, but that I couldn't be expected to forget the wonderful experience I've had at the University."★

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by Hank Brownstone

Ken Johnson may never be able to repay his mother for all the childhood memories, the special love she gave when times got rough, or the hard work she went through to make ends meet in their small home in Phenix City.

But the University of Alabama basketball standout knows he owes much of his success to Carrie Johnson.

She was there putting the meals on the table for Ken and his three sisters when their disabled father couldn't work. She provided the little things for Ken if the budget allowed. And she was there to help when the colleges started recruiting the talented high school senior.

And she is still with him—while not by his side in his day-to-day life in Tuscaloosa—she is encouraging him in school, pushing him during sometimes tedious workouts, or cheering him up when it's hard to smile.

"My mother has always been a big inspiration for me," Johnson said. "She always told me to be something and work hard and I'll have something to pay her back with. That is the driving influence with me—to play pro ball or get a good job to show her and pay her back for what she has given me.

"When I was growing up, my mother and father tried hard to give me the things I wanted. I was in the lower class, but I didn't have to beg for anything. It was tough, but not that bad.

"Watching my mom was a big incentive for me to do well in school and in basketball. If it wasn't for basketball, I couldn't get an education.

"I know she gets enjoyment watching me and is very proud of me. When I talk to her on the phone, she tells me how proud she is. That makes me feel good because deep down she means it."

> "Ken. . .works as hard as anybody. He is a leader by example"

Ken "Silk" (a nickname he got in high school because of his smooth moves) Johnson has learned valuable lessons from his childhood adversity. He realizes that when the going is rough, quitting is the easiest way out.

Coming out of Phenix City High School where he was Player of the Year twice, Johnson was recruited by Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Louisville and others, but narrowed his choices to Alabama and Clemson.

"I wanted to stay close to home so my family could watch me play," Johnson said. "Plus, I wanted to go to a good academic school and get a good degree. I went to Clemson and when I left, felt like that was the place I was going. I even told them I'd be back.

"But I visited Alabama the next day and enjoyed it. I admired guys like Reginald King, T. R. Dunn and 'Rah' (Robert Scott) and liked coach (C.M.) Newton. I sat down with them and decided I wanted to come here."

Johnson didn't wait long to let Alabama fans know he belonged in the company of such names as King, Scott, Dunn and Anthony Murray. The eager freshman started his first game for the Crimson Tide and has continued the tradition every game since then. The junior was Bama's

second leading scorer his first year and made virtually every All-SEC Freshman Team.

"When I came here, I didn't really know what my chances of playing were," he said. "I just came to learn about college basketball. When I started, it was a surprise to me. Getting to start is something I feel good about, but as long as I just play and have a chance to help the team, that is all the satisfaction I need."

Last year, Johnson was Bama's third leading scorer, but didn't have to take an active role in leading the team. That role, however became important this year when he was voted captain, along with Scott.

"I didn't feel that much of a responsibility last year because I was young and we still had Reggie and 'Rah' that had more experience. This year, I felt like I had to be a leader. We had a young team and since the team elected me captain, I felt like I owed them something."

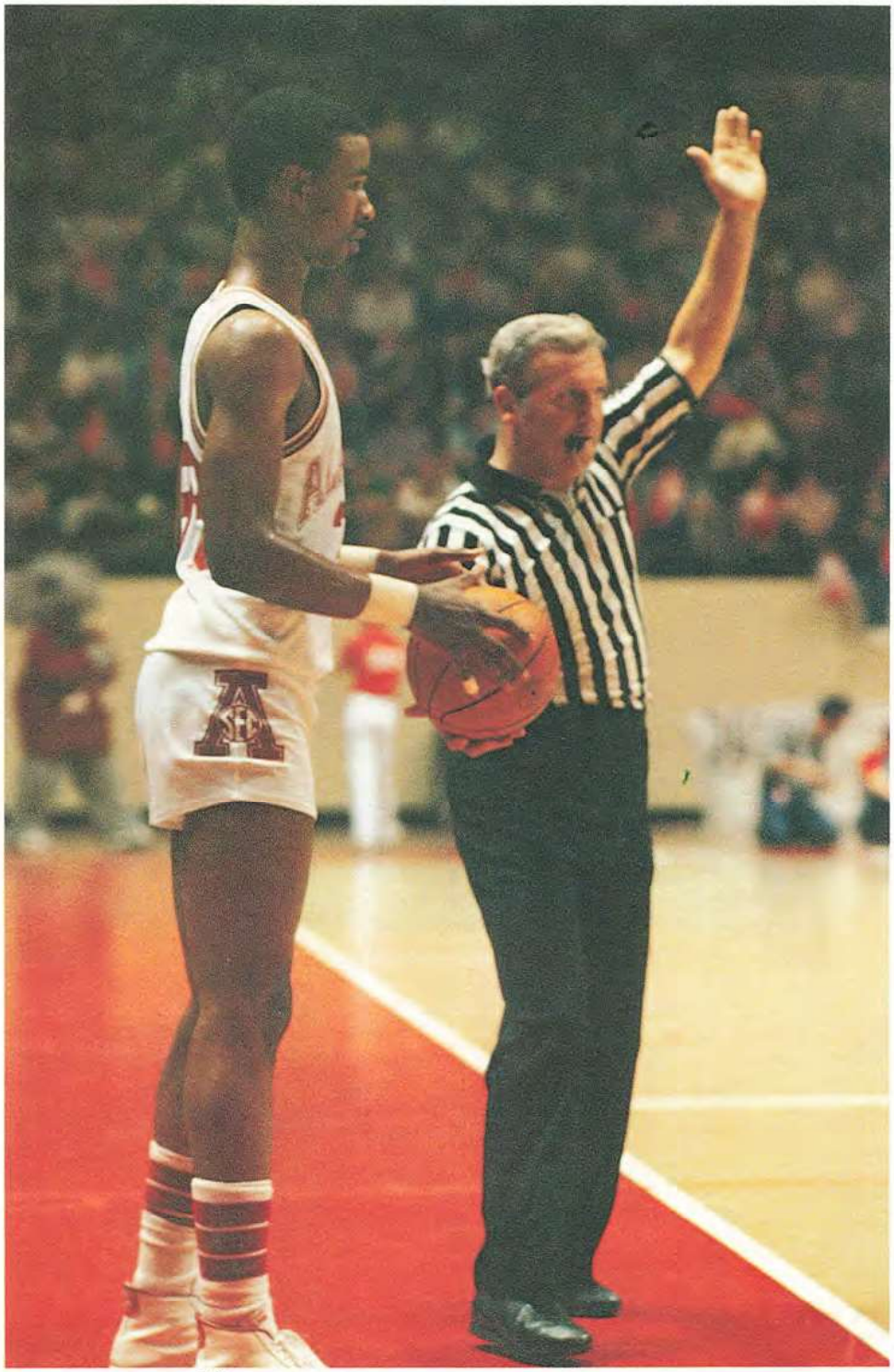
"Ken is a consistent player who has worked hard to improve in all facets of play," coach C. M. Newton said. "He was a great shooter when he came here, but needed work on his ball-handling and defense. He has since become a great passer, a fine defensive player and a team leader.

"Ken comes out every day and works as hard as anybody. He is a leader by example. He wants to get better. He has really helped the younger players on our team."

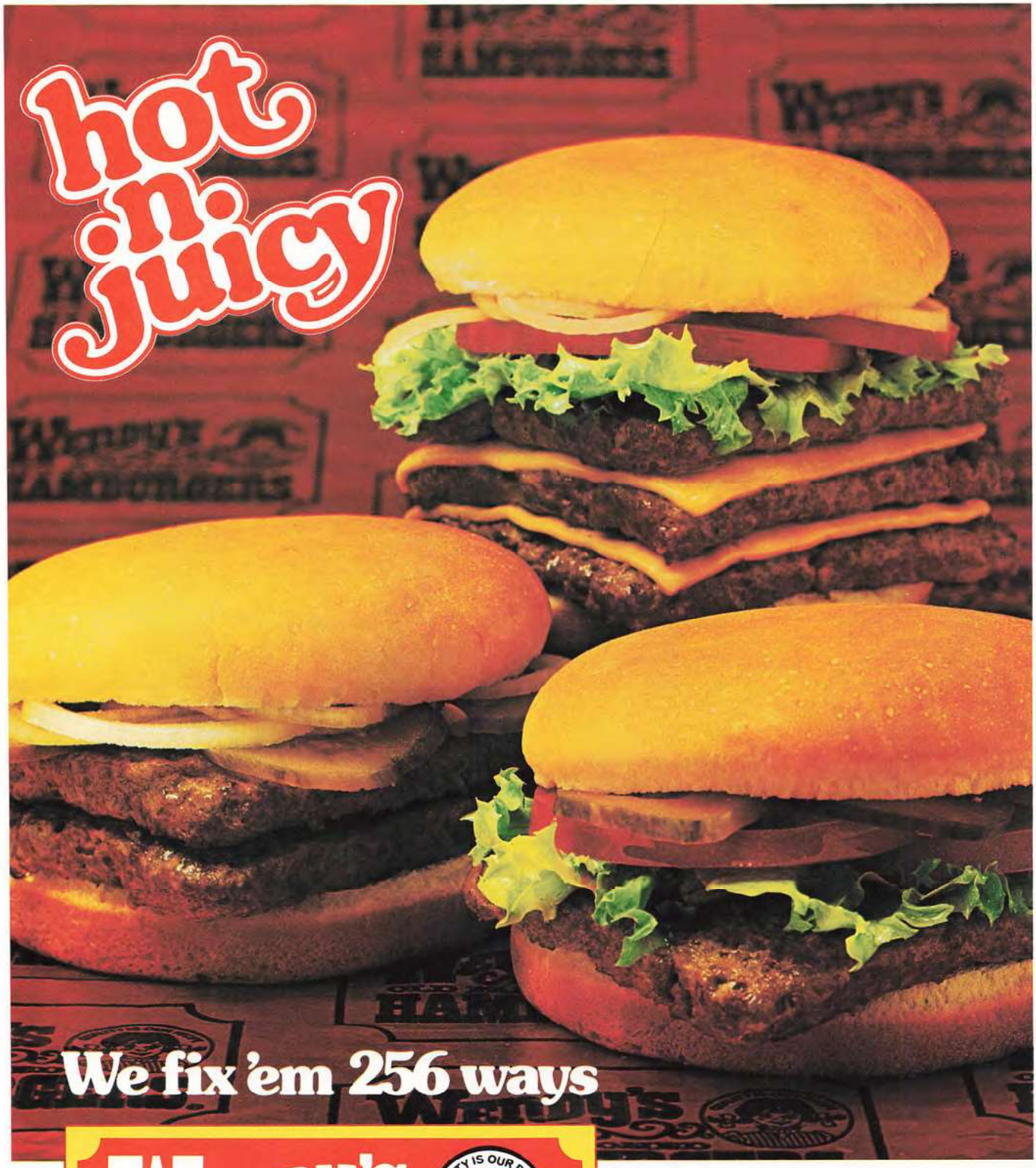
And it was Johnson, along with Scott, who kept encouraging the young team through a discouraging time when it lost five of six during the Christmas break. The Crimson Tide came back, went 12-6 in the SEC, and tied for third place with Tennessee. After beating Penn State in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament, the Tide fell to Murray State to end the season.

"I was happy with this year," Johnson said. "A lot of folks didn't expect us to do as good as we did. We surprised a lot of people and opened up some eyes that didn't think we'd be very good.

"During Christmas, we weren't playing too well and people got down on us. There was a lot of pressure on our young team. We just started playing together and everything fell in place. We put everything behind us and played well. I think the two road wins over LSU and Kentucky was the turning point."



Johnson has started 90 straight games for Alabama. He was a starter in his first game as a freshman and hasn't missed since. Joel Barnes photo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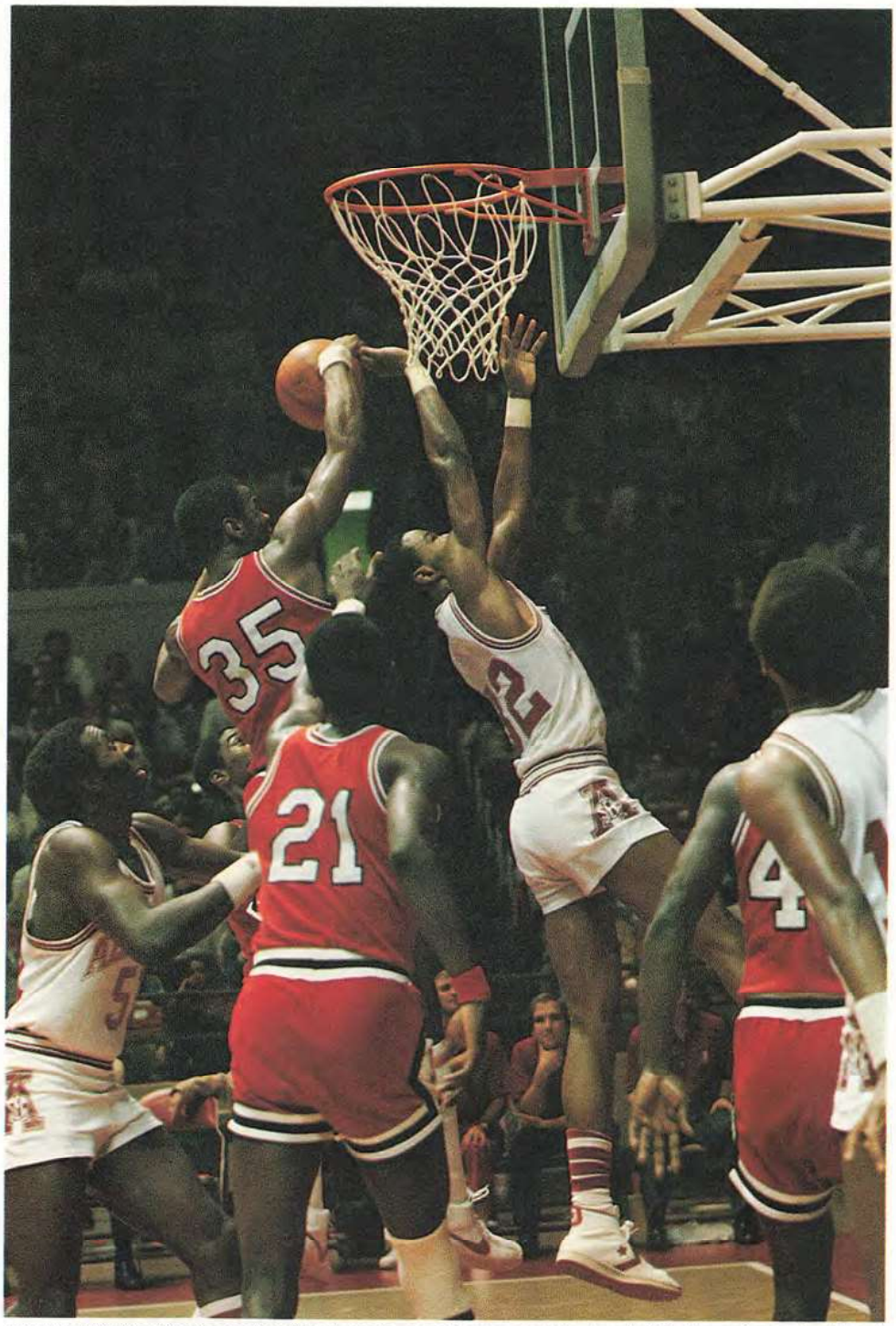
After this season, Johnson will be the senior of a rapidly-growing Crimson Tide and is looking forward to his final year. Johnson went past the 1,000-point mark in career scoring this year and should move himself far up the career list next year.

"I think we'll be better next year than we were this year," he said. "The younger guys like (sophomore Eddie Phillips) 'Too Tall', (sophomore Phillip) Lockett and Mike Davis (freshman) have gotten a lot of experience this year and that should help us. We need a good recruiting year, too.

"We'll need to find someone to replace 'Rah'. It's going to be tough. Like coach Newton said, you can't replace guys who inspire you. You have to find someone on the team or recruit guys who can do the things he did and run the team.

"I'll have to be a leader next year and keep the team together. I'm looking forward to it. I don't think it'll be sad. The years I've been here have been real good for me. I just hope things will be better for me and the team next year.

"I think we'll be back in the race next year with what we have coming back. The future should be bright for us."



Johnson attributes his success to a "good coach, a good program and a mom that is always there when I need her."

Joel Barnes photo

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The Conference

What do you do now? Decisions, decisions, decisions. Alabama baseball coach Barry Shollenberger calls a mound conference with pitcher Vince Barrentine and catcher David Atkins to decide whether its time to buckle down or time to head to the showers. Life on the mound is a lonely one—at least until you start hanging those curveballs high or lose a little pizzaz on that fastball. That's when time is called and the little hill in the middle of the diamond becomes a conference table.

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Football and Gymnastics: A Recruiting Combination?

by Gay Sievers

"I can't live without either one," said freshman gymnast Patti Kleckner. "They brought me to Alabama."

Patti was a highly sought after gymnast in Pennsylvania last spring. Now she is the leader of the Tide gymnastics team. "When it came down to deciding which scholarship offer I would take, football was the deciding factor," said the vivacious athlete.

"My club coach (Danny Warbutton of the famed Gym Dandy's club in Pittsburgh) had investigated the programs that I was considering. Alabama was high on the list, because coach Campbell was building the program at Alabama. She is a highly skilled coach, so I knew I would improve as a gymnast, but other programs had similar gymnastic credentials.

"But none of the other schools had a football team like Alabama. I'm a true fan. I'm sure glad our seasons don't cross, because it would be a hard decision—to see the football game or to compete in gymnastics."

The competing season for gymnastics runs from late November through early April. And Patti had a few anxious moments near the end of the 1979 football season.

"I got to all the games, except the Sugar Bowl," she said proudly "There is no team like Alabama's. I love spirit and Alabama has spirit, just saying Crimson Tide throughout the country defines team spirit, and we've got a great team."

Football or gymnastics?? "Both," she beamed. "But gymnastics is a relatively new sport to the South."

In fact, only five universities competed in the AIAW Region 3 Division I Championship in Foster Auditorium in Tuscaloosa on March 22. The region is composed of Four states—Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. The teams competing were Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia and Jacksonville State.

"Last year, our level of competition in the South was behind the Eastern and Western colleges," said second year coach Sarah Campbell. "But we are catching up due to the influx of Ernestine Weaver, the Olympic coach, to the University of Florida and several members of her nationally ranked team from Clarion State. But the big factor is the commitment of all five Division I schools in Region 3 to support their gymnastics teams.

"In 1979, only two teams, Jacksonville State and Georgia, were competitive on the national level. Now, there is not a weak team among the region programs. The big step of commitment has given us stature and room for growth. We'll soon surpass the rest of the country."

"Gymnastics support is growing here," said the Alabama all-around record holder. Patti scored a record 35.00 points

Kleckner chose Alabama because of its gymnastics and football programs and through her help, the gymnastics program has become respected.

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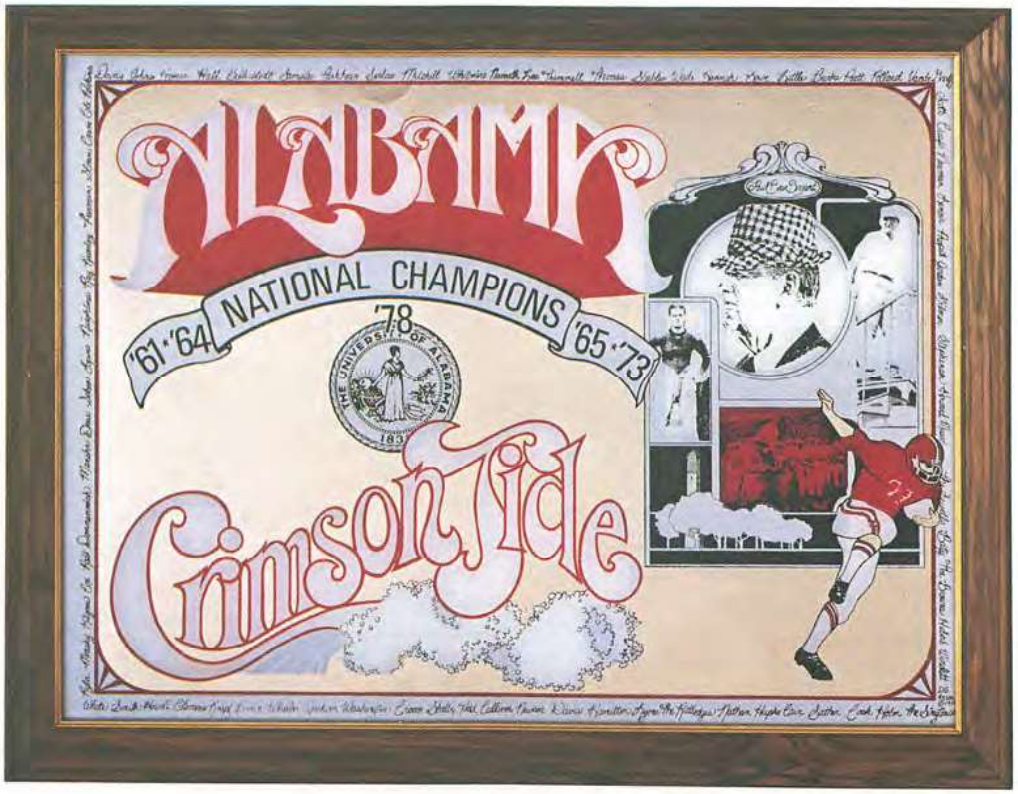

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on the four events in women's gymnastics against Memphis State in February.

"I can tell a difference in the interest from our first meet to the last one," Kleckner said. Now, students stop me on the campus and ask how we did in the meet last weekend or say they enjoyed seeing us compete. Interest in the sport is growing."

Kleckner is the enthusiastic leader of the all new and young team at Alabama.

This season saw numerous highs for the Tide. To head the list is the retention of energetic Sarah Campbell, a 1978 graduate of Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania. That's the first time in the six year history of the sport at Alabama that a coach has returned for a second year.

"We had a rotation of coaches, primarily because the position was a part-time graduate assistantship until we elevated Sarah to full-time for the 1980 season," said Ann Marie Lawler, associate athletics director for women. "Last year, Sarah took the position as gymnastics coach and taught for the physical education department. But we were successful in keeping her for a second year and that makes a difference."

The second accomplishment was an outstanding recruiting job by Campbell and assistant coach David patterson. Having lived in the Northeast where gymnastics is popular, Campbell went to Pennsylvania and Maryland for four talented freshmen.

The Northeast connection is composed of Pennslyvanians Kleckner from Penn Hills, Luann Guzzetti of New Galilee, and Stacy Murin of Monessen. Both Guzzetti and Murin participated in state and region USGF (U. S. Gymnastics Federation) championships last year and worked under Warbutton in the Gym Dandy's club. Alison Green of Bowie, Maryland, was the all-around winner in the Maryland AAU Gymnastics Championship in 1979.

The rest of the team hails from the southland. Lisa Palk of Northport, Beth Cook of Birmingham, Susan Blake of Phenix City, and Ann Wilhide, who graduated from Plant High School in Tampa, Florida, but now resides in Griffith, Indiana.

The 1980 team is called the record breakers. Not only has the overall win-loss record improved to 16-4 from 7-7 last year, but all individual event and team event scoring records have been broken.

Kleckner is the leader in two events. She has the highest score in vaulting 9.10 points (10.0 is perfect in gymnastics) and in the uneven parallel bars 9.20. Guzzetti had the record on the balance beam with 9.25 points. Former gymnast Ann Wood has the record in the floor exercise with 8.80 points.

"I think our closeness as a team helps us," said Kleckner. "We are learning together. Ms. Campbell said early in the fall that she did not know what to expect from us. Well, we did not know what to expect either, so we relied on each other and that drew us closer. With each meet we get closer and a bigger feeling of wanting to do good as a team is established.

"I enjoy the competition in college more than in the club, because of the team concept. I like to perform for someone else. I work to please the crowd. When I please the crowd, I'll please the judges. I started in gymnastics when I was 12, but it took me until the end of last year to learn that.

"Once last year, I could hear the crowd during my bar routine. They gasped as I performed my tricks and giving them excitement pleased me," said the petite brunette.

"My best events are the bars and vault. I'm consistent in the beam and floor, but the risk moves are not there yet. But coach Campbell and I are working on them."

Risk moves separate the gymnast from the national contender. Risk is the spectacular; it's the move that makes the audience react to a performance.

"Patti's bar routine has risk—handstand hop change stalder, free hip handstand and front flip between the bars," described coach Campbell. "She is currently working to remove the pause between her two back handsprings, so she'll get the fraction of a point for risk on the beam.

"But it is hard to get risk on the floor. She needs a double full twist or double back somersault or some combination to obtain risk points in that routine. She is working on these in practice with a spotter and will incorporate them in her routine for next year," concluded Campbell.

"I like the bars and vault because of their quickness, movement and split second action," commented Kleckner. "I'm most consistent on the vault; I rely on the vault for a decent score. It gets me through a bad meet.

"I enjoy working the bars for the new things and spectacular moves that can be performed. I like to try new things and would love to invent a move on the bars that would be known as the Kleckner move," she laughed.

"If I have a good day on vault and bars, I'll have a good day on beam and floor. Vault and bars are my events; my stabilizing points."

But to be a complete, all-around performer, a gymnast must compete in all four events.

"The beam is limited to movement types and is a repetition of floor moves performed on a four-inch wide, 16-foot long piece of wood, so the originality for that event is limited.

"My floor routine has improved with Ms. Campbell's excellent dance ability. She has really helped me in my weak area. Even if I get good scores and I don't think I have peformed well, I'm disappointed."

Patti has not been disappointed too many times this year. She is averaging 33.10 points in the all-around competition to lead the Tide team.

She averages 8.58 on vault and 8.37 on bars to rank number one on the Tide team. In the beam and floor, she is number three with averages of 7.93 on beam and 8.22 on floor. Guzzetti leads the beam with an 8.11 average.

Kleckner's goals are to improve yearly while in college. "Each year there are new gymnasts with new tricks coming to college, but I don't want to regress even though their talent may outscore me. If I've performed my best, I can have the lowest score on the team and it would not bother me.

"I've been lucky, because I reached my goals while I was in high school. I wanted to win the bar event in a big meet, I wanted to compete on the elite level in

gymnastics and I wanted a scholarship.

"Up until the USGF region championship last year, I had always blown my bar routine and never won. But last year, I won the bars in that region meet—that's big.

"I got my chance last year to compete on the elite level. That's the step just before the Olympic level competition. I tried it, but you can't learn the complusory routines and the risk moves needed in one year. So I dropped back to the advance level and that's where I won.

"Then I wanted to get a scholarship and Alabama gave me that chance. We have a great team. Now, I want our team to get to the national championship.

"In USGF competition, the individual feels pressure to perform well, because that's the avenue to the national championship. In college, team competition is the road to the nationals and that's where I want Alabama to be, in the national—a champion," declared Kleckner.

"Ms. Campbell wants gymnastics to be successful in the South and at Alabama, so do I," said Kleckner. "She knows what it will take, because she has been there. (Campbell performed for the Slippery Rock Team which finished sixth in the Division II championship in 1978.)

"She has the capability to coach a national contender and we have the team to achieve bigness in gymnastics," said Kleckner, so positively you had to believe her.

Campbell pondered the question, what will it take to get Alabama to the AIAW National Championship? "We are missing the depth down the line to be a serious contender for the national title. We need three more all-around gymnasts who average 34 or 35 points consistently.

"We have three or four gymnasts now, but we need strength and consistency in our top six gymnasts, not just two or three.

"We perform our best in meets against tough competition. Our team competed against Jacksonville State, ranked 19th, and they beat us by 3.6 points. We had 3.5 points deducted on falls. Georgia, ranked 13th, beat us by 3.0 points."

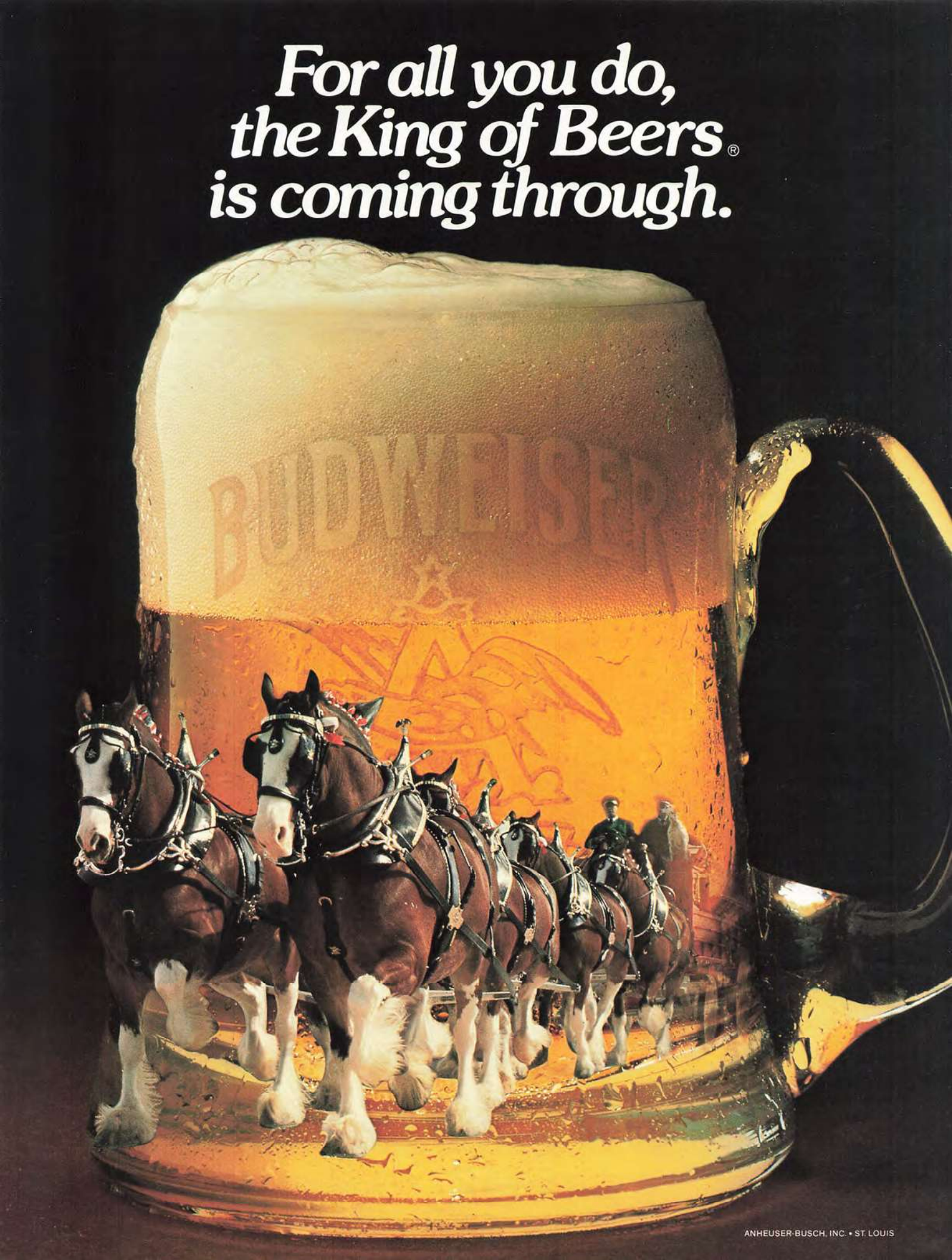
After five years of oscillation in the Alabama gymnastics program how in 1981 can they be a national contender. Positive forces are the key.

"I think the stability added to our team when Ms. Lawler elevated the coaching position to full-time, when we got additional money for scholarships to go after the top gymnasts and when we got more equipment are the key answers," said Campbell.

Campbell got the support of the administration with hard work. She got outstanding gymnasts like Kleckner. She has the willingness not to give up. She is determined that Alabama gymnastics will be so successful that the university will want to keep it.

So thanks to football and its ability to ignite team spirit, Alabama gymnastics got a team leader and a potential national contender in Patti Kleckner. But Alabama may get more. They just might get another team in the national spotlight—or even another championship trophy.★

The acrobatics of Luann Gazzetti were good for big points throughout the season and were instrumental in many of the records set by this year's squad. Spectrum-Southeast photo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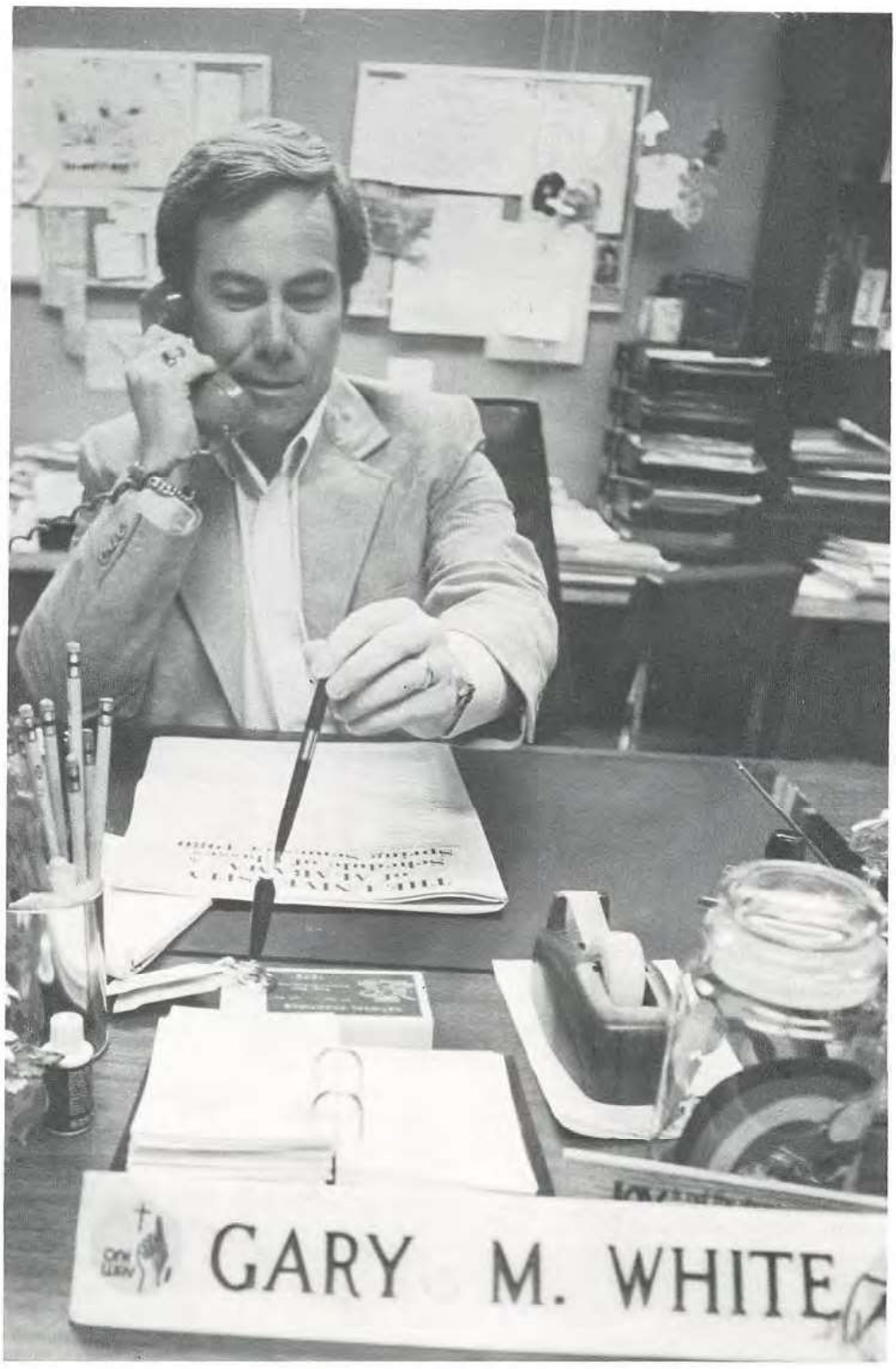
Academics:

Necessity or Technicality?

by Mike Bolton



When Colenzo Hubbard left Minor high school to come to Alabama to play football, he listed his contemplated profession as professional football.

When Johnny Dill left Deshler High School to come to Alabama to play basketball, he listed his contemplated profession as professional basketball.

In terms of meeting their goals, they were both failures.

But thanks to the academic policies of the University of Alabama Athletics Department, neither has had to dig a ditch. They both sit behind a desk at work every day. They both wear suits. They are both very respected in their professions.

Hubbard is a district manager for Ryder Truck Lines. Dill is an executive with Joe Jolly and Company, an investment firm.

Both have bright futures in front of them thanks to a good education.

The tough academic requirements set up by Paul Bryant many years ago have been expanded to other sports at Alabama, such as basketball. The graduation rate— and that means graduation with a useful degree—at Alabama just may be the best in the nation.

"We want to see everybody graduated that comes through these doors," Gary White, the man in charge of Alabama academics says. "If you have them working hard towards a good degree, you don't have to worry about them being eligible for their sport."

The graduation rate of Alabama is uncanny. Disregarding athletes who turn pro and often don't finish because of the evident, Alabama athletes graduate at over 90 per cent. Only two basketball players

"I want to get them out of these doors educated. Not with just a degree, but educated," Gary White says.
Joel Barnes photo

haven't graduated under C. M. Newton in his 11 years. Five football players have missed graduation since 1970.

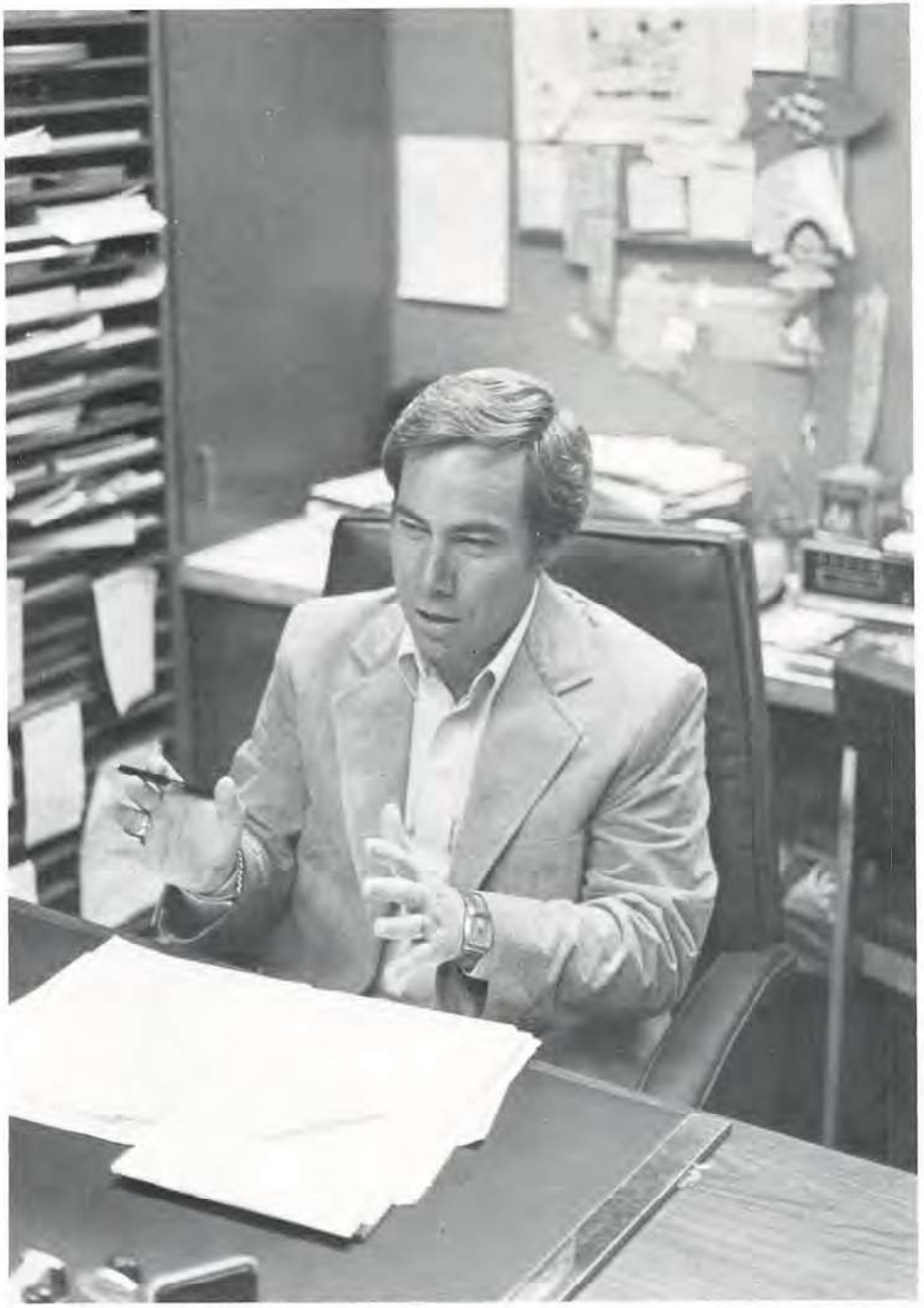
The popular CBS Television program *60 Minutes* recently aired a segement depicting college athletes left high and dry after their eligibility ended. It isn't allowed to happen at Alabama.

"Coach Bryant was the pioneer in academic counselors," White says. "It was his original idea. No one had them before coach Bryant. When I came he had a long talk with me and told me he wanted all athletes coming through these doors to be educated. He said that he didn't say get them a degree, but get them educated. He said there was a lot more to life than football and athletics."

Incoming freshmen at Alabama are not surprised to find the academic road a tough one. They were warned.

"We ask a recruit what he is interested in and explain to him that it is necessary for him to enroll in a degree program and stay in that program," White says. "The freshmen are automatically placed in study halls until we can see that they handle the tough study habits on their own. They are all placed in a special library program in which every one is tested in reading. They are taught speed and comprehensive reading.

"We talk to freshmen and show them what a small percentage of players make it into the pros. We expalin that it is imperative to leave here with a degree."



"The 60 Minutes seg ment that dealt with college academics and athletics was one-sided. It may go on somewhere, but not here and in fairness to everyone else, nowhere I know of." Joel Barnes photo

Injuries throughout Dill's career ruined any chance that he had of playing professional basketball. A good degree program and the realization of the importance of good education earned Dill his envious position despite his young age.

"One of the first things I was asked when I was recruited was what my interests were in school and that sort of set me back," Dill says from his office overlooking downtown Birmingham. "That set the tone for my decision. I could tell they were genuinely interested in me and not themselves.

"When I got to Alabama, coach Newton stressed academics, athletics and social life in that order. He said we needed all of them, but that we needed them in that order.

"The biggest shock that I received and what turned out to be the biggest help was that when I got here, the older people I looked up to were very interested in their schoolwork. That made a world of difference."

Basketball may very well be the toughest sport in terms of academic troubles. Dill missed over 10 days of schoolwork in a row after his team went to the National Invitational Tournament in New York. Alabama's tutorial program saved him.

Alabama has thirteen full-time tutors with experts in various subjects and four part-time tutors for the less common subjects. Besides White, there are three graduate assistants working in the office with him.

"The tutors saved me," Dill says. "I was there four years and was constantly asking for one and it never did once embarrass me. I was missing a lot of school and was taking some very hard subjects. I had an accountant tutor that was a very big help to me."

Academics was one of the underlying factors in Newton's recruiting plan. His thoughts are that an academically sound individual can handle the change from high school to college more readily.

"I think it all goes back to recruiting," Newton says. "I have a simple concept that an athlete is a student who has the privilege of participating in an athletics program. The academic aspects begin recruiting. You must want someone who shows evidence of wanting a degree and someone who has the ability to get that degree.

"I made them understand when they enrolled that any rumors they may have

heard about lax academics in college is indeed a rumor. I made them understand they would have to get into a degree program and faithfully pursue it. They also knew as freshmen they would attend study hall and not miss class. They would also know they would be set up in a couseling situation and they would be monitored.

Basketball spans two semesters and that makes it tougher. They may have been scared to death when they came to Alabama, but they also know the reason they came is to get a degree."

Dill knows that the tough academic requirements are a must because a recent signee doesn't come to school with schoolwork on his mind.

"Be realistic," Dill says. "The top high school players in the state are thoroughly convinced that they will someday play pro. It took me a couple of years, but I realized one day I might not have that chance. Thank goodness I was two years into a good degree program when I realized that."

Hubbard, as Dill, came to Alabama with every intention of someday being a professional athlete. Also as Dill, it didn't come true.

"When I came in it was explained to me that even if I did go pro, the average pro athlete lasts about five years and that made some impression," Hubbard says. "By my sophomore year I realized an education was probably the most important thing.

"I saw people like coach Donahue who had devoted his whole life to football and he was telling me that an education was more important than football. I couldn't believe it, but I realized he was sincere in what he was saying.

"My ambition in life had always been to be a businessman. That may sound silly, but I always wanted to work behind a desk and wear a suit. I guess it was just a fantasy I had, but I tell you, I'm living it out right now."

It's no secret that an athlete with a genuine good education is valuable commodity on the business market. His value, just in terms of publicity, makes him a hot item on the auction block after graduation. It is also no secret, however, that Colenzo Hubbard and Johnny Dill are not well-paid businessmen just because of their names.

Alabama was the first school in the nation to introduce what it calls the "1st and 10 Club." This group is made of alumni, prominent state businessmen and other interested parties. The men from various professions serve as guidance counselors for Alabama athletes at graduation. Many hire athletes themselves. Others mention

"When I was recruited I was asked what my interests were in school. That set the tone for what I found out was a genuine interest in my schooling," remembers Johnny Dill. Joel Barnes photo

names. Overall, many Alabama athletes have greatly prospered in business life from the group.

"I knew they were meeting one day and I decided to go take a look," Hubbard says. "Like I said, I had always wanted to be a businessman and then suddenly I saw it staring me in the face. Junior Davis (ex-Alabama player) and Thomas Ensey (devout Alabama supporter) were with Ryder and looking for someone. It was the chance I had been looking for.

"I look back now and see all the things coach Bryant and coach White said and see just how important it is. I think the responsibility lies fully with the universities to get the players interested in an education. We came in thinking about the big times and sometimes the big time is not always available.

"It is hard to see that when you're 19 years old and you think you are the greatest. The *60 Minutes* show was shocking, but I'm sure that goes on in places where the college cares only about itself. I thank God it wasn't like that at Alabama. If it had, I would be in a lot of trouble right now." ★

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'Bama Recruiting

Joe Terranova, considered by most college coaches as the foremost authority on collegiate recruiting, has said in his annual report that Alabama and Ohio State have tied for the national recruiting title.

Terranova calls Alabama's recent signees its most successful recruiting venture in two decades. In his '80 Great Ones" list, Alabama has four signees, quarterback Paul Carruth, quarterback Andy Martin, running back Linnie Patrick and linebacker Marcus Hill.

Coach Bryant, shucking his traditional talk, surprised several people with his evaluation of recruiting.

"I'll say this," he said. "We certainly didn't get all the ones we wanted by any means. We missed a lot of them. But we didn't take anybody we didn't think was first rate.

"We didn't take any seconds in our opinion."

Terranova was also impressed with the 9.5 speed of runningback Joe Carter, the speed and size of fullback Mike Rodriguez and the passing of Paul Fields. He also ranked Jesse Bendross as one of the nation's top receivers.

Terranova was also impressed with Carruth, a private school player, being named Mississippi's Player of the Year and the talent of Marcus Hill, whom he compared to Lee Roy Jordan

New Coach

Ann Cronic has been named the new head coach of the Alabama women's basketball team, replacing Ed Nixon who resigned in March after a three-year stint in which Bama went 46-38. Ms. Cronic has been head basketball coach at Berry College in Mt. Berry, Georgia, for the past three years. Last year's team went 25-4 and she has a three-year record of 72-17. She is a national finalist for Wade Coach of the Year. She is a native of Homer, Georgia and has degrees from Gainesville Junior College and West Georgia College (where she played basketball) and has worked toward a masters degree from North Georgia College. She has also served as head tennis coach. She is a member of bill Froster's basketball camp at Clemson and also conducts her own two-week camp at Berry.

Press Guides

Alabama fans may order the 1980 football press guides now in order to be assured of delivery this summer, probably in August. Assistant athletics director Charley Thornton points out that the last two years the press guide has been a complete sellout with late orders returned. The guides, $4 each, may be ordered by writing Press Guides, P.O. Box K, University, AL 35486. Make checks payable to University of Alabama.

The Draft

While Congress is putting the mechanization together to resume the military draft, for five Crimson Tide football players another draft—the NFL selection process—has been a major item of interest. Don McNeal went in the first round to the Miami Dolphins, where he was joined in the second round by Dwight Stephenson. Stephenson would almost certainly have been a first round choice but for an injury suffered in the Senior Bowl in Mobile. Wayne Hamilton was selected in the fifth round by San Diego and joined in the ninth by Steve Whitman. In between Buddy Aydelette was picked in the sixth round by Green Bay. Mike Brock has signed a free agent contract with Dalls, Curtis McGriff with the New York Jets. Another ex-Tider, junior varsity man Ken Harris who has been playing in

Bama's spectacular 200-meter speedster James Mallard of Tampa, Florida, has had another great spring, including record-setting first place finishes in the Kansas Relays and the Penn Relays.

Canada, was drafted by the Giants. Wiley Barnes has signed to play in Canada and Jim Bunch is considering that move. Steadman Shealy and Keith Pugh are not expected to accept Canadian offers. Vince Boothe, David Hannah and Tim Travis have not yet decided if they want to give pro football a shot.

Honor for Rehling

The National Collegiate Golf Coaches Association will induct its first group of Hall of Fame members this year and a charter inductee will be Alabama's Conrad Rehling. Only 14 men were selected for the honor.

Men's Recruiting

While football recruiting was most successful and basketball signings are on the verge of being completed, new performers are being gathered up for Alabama's other men's sports.

Don Gambril, whose swim team finished early in the spring, leads the way with six quality signees, led by national AAU Senior Men's champion Glenn Mills of Cicinnati. Glenn, younger brother of former Tider and recordholder Kevin (a four-time All-America and SEC champ), has times of 55.4 in the 100 breaststroke and 2:00.3 in the 200 breast. He's coached by former Tider Dennis Pursley (who coached the national women's championship team). Other top signees are many-time Alabama state champion and two-time All-America Matt Mullane of Birmingham (son of two Auburn alumni) who has marks of 1:39.28 in the 200 free and 150.1 in the 200 butterfly; Roger Power of Morristown, New Jersey, with a 1:52.8 200 backstroke and 52.0 100 back; Max Metzker of Maroubra, Australia, a member of his nation's national team since 1975 when he was 15 and a competitor in the 1976 Olympics, who has marks of 15:24.3 in 1500 meters, 3:56 in 400 meters and 4:30.8 in the 400 individual medley; Jeff Waldrop of Columbus, Mississippi, a two-time All-America and National Junior Olympics finalist with marks of 1:54.3 in the 200 IM and 4:06.2 in the 400 IM, as well as 1:54.2 in the 200 back; and Ron Rosenberger of Indio, California, a National Junior Olympics finalist with marks of 1:52.2 in the 200 fly and 51.3 in the 100 fly. He's coached by former Tide assistant John Schaubel. Coach Gambril has also learned that backstroker Cameron Henning of Canada, who sat out this year to train for the Olympics, will return in the fall as the Canadian national champion in 100 and 200 backstroke and the new recordholder at 200.

Track coach John Mitrchell has two new signees from Montgomery's Robert E. Lee High School. Herman Vaughns and Ricky Casby were members of Lee teams that have put together six straight 4A championships (three indoors, three outdoors). Vaughns, who is also an outstanding split end who hopes one day to perform for the Bama football team, won the state championship in the 440 and anchored the winning mile relay team. His top quarter mile time is 47.3. Casby, who appears to have a good future as a decathlon man, won the high jump (6-8) and long jump (23-6 1/4) and finished third in discus.

An outstanding new signee for the Alabama swimming and diving team is Glenn Mills, who won the national AAU senior men's championship in 200 breaststroke.

Head baseball coach Barry Shollenberger has one new signee, but the nature of baseball recruiting is to be later in the year. Alan Dunn, a 5-11, 180-pound pitcher and shortstop from Gadsden's Emma Sansom high, was a four-year starter and two-time all-region performer in baseball and football. As a pitcher he had a 5-0 record and gave up only two earned runs in 40 innings. As a batter he was over the .500 mark.

Golf coach Conrad Rehling also has but one signee thus far, Joe Joyner, state champion from Georgetown, South Carolina, who had a spring average of 73.1. Joyner is a graduate of the Crimson Tide All-Sports Camp golf academy.

Tennis coach Armi Neely has unusual signing news. First of all he has signed a doubles team and secondly it is from Sweden. Stefan Olsson and Hans Carlesson are outstanding singles players in their country (both ranked in the top 10), and as a doubles competitors swept to the national men's finals in their country. Also joining the Crimson Tide tennis family is Tripp Gordon of Diablo, California. Tripp, who has a 125 miles per hours left-handed serve, won the Flecto Award, presented to the top athlete in the San Francisco-Oakland bay area.

Women's Signees

New signees in women's athletics are: Volleyball—Beverly Robinson of Montgomery, Elise LaPeyre of Houman, Louisiana; and Christina Donnell of Battle Creek, Michigan; Swimming and Diving—Backstroker Jan King of Huntsville, freestyler Carol Landry of Louisville, Kentucky, and diver Drew Gunnels of Albany, Georgia; Golf-four-handicapper Cathleen Crum of Richmond, Indiana; Basketball—5-10 Terri Hillard (17.8 points, 13.9 rebounds per game) of Memphis, and Alison Davis of Pensacola, Florida (22.2 points); Gymnastics—Cindy DeLucas of Birmingham.

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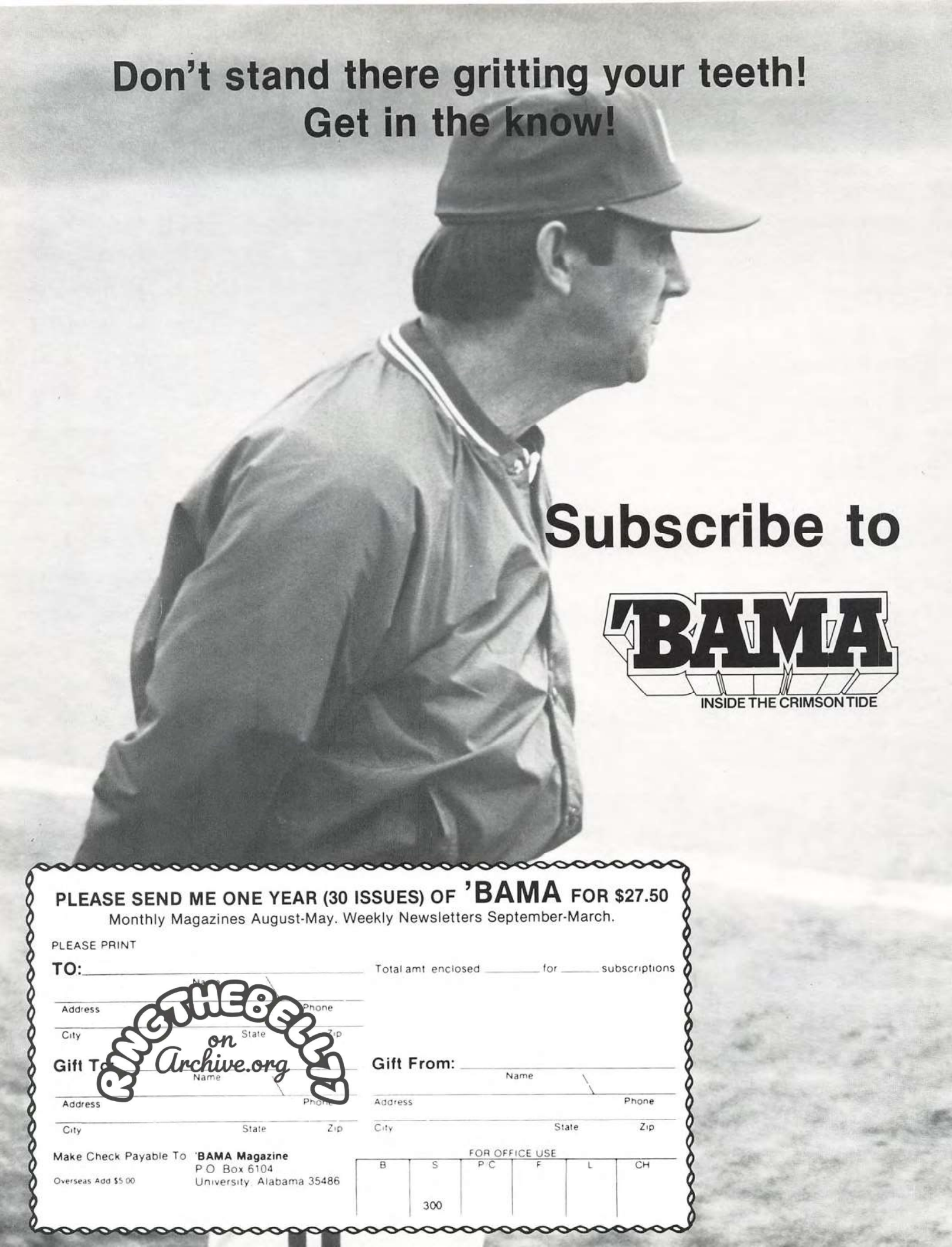

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BAMA'S SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASEBALL

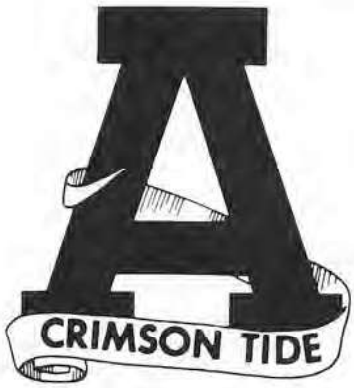
F.	22	@ Georgia Southern (9-5)
F.	23	@ Georgia Southern (11-20)
F.	24	@ Georgia Southern (8-11)
F.	26	Livingston (2-3)
F.	29	Jackson State (5-4)
M.	1	Mississippi (rain)
M.	2	Mississippi (rain)
M.	5	North Alabama (14-5)
M.	6	Kentucky (7-5)
M.	7	Thomas More (rain)
M.	8	@ South Alabama (4-0 & 7-6)
M.	9	@ South Alabama (rain)
M.	10	Morehead State (1-10)
M.	11	Jacksonville St. (7-9)
M.	13	Southern Mississippi (rain)
M.	15	@ Mississippi St. (12-5 & 13-3)
M.	16	@ Mississippi St. (7-5)
M.	18	Huntingdon (4-3)
M.	19	Birmingham-Southern (4-6)
M.	21	Cleveland State (7-5)
M.	22	LSU (9-1 & 8-3)
M.	23	LSU (0-2)
M.	25	Florida (4-10)
M.	26	Florida (rain)
M.	29	Auburn (0-1 & 2-3)
M.	30	Auburn (8-3)
A.	1	@ Jacksonville State (4-6)
A.	2	@ Montevallo (3-5)
A.	5	@ Mississippi (4-5)
A.	6	@ Mississippi (8-6 & 3-5)
A.	7	SE Louisiana (13-0)
A.	10	UAB (7-6)
A.	12	South Alabama (rain)
A.	13	South Alabama (rain)
A.	16	@ Livingston (2-3)
A.	19	Mississippi State (3-4 & 9-4)
A.	20	Mississippi State (11-15)
A.	22	Montevallo (11-7)
A.	25	@ Southern Mississippi (3-9)
A.	26	@ LSU (1-2 & 3-4)
A.	27	@ LSU (4-2)
A.	29	@ UAB (2-12)
A.	30	Birmingham Southern (3-6)
M.	3	@ Auburn (3-5)
M.	4	@ Auburn (5-8 & 4-5)

MEN'S GOLF

F.	24	Gator Invitational (17th)
M.	2	Seminole Invitational (14th)
M.	17	Iron Duke Classic (9th)
M.	22	Furman Invitational (8th)
M.	30	Southern Jr-Sr (7th)
A.	6	SE Intercollegiate (6th)
A.	18	Ala. Intercollegiate (3rd)
M.	3	Southern Intercollegiate (14th)
M.	17	SEC @ Augusta

MEN'S TRACK

M.	22	Alabama Invitational (non-scoring)
M.	29	@ Florida Relays (non-scoring)
A.	5	Auburn (93-61)
A.	12	@ Dogwood Relyas (non-scoring)
A.	19	@ Georgia, S. Alabama. (107-79-6)
A.	26	@ Drake Relays (non-scoring)
M.	10	Alabama Invitational (non-scoring)
M.	17	SEC @ Auburn
M.	24	@ Meet Of Champions
J.	7	@ NCAA Championship-Austin, Tx.



MEN'S TENNIS

F.	19	Auburn (1-5)
M.	3	William & Mary (7-2)
M.	7	@ Penn State (9-0)
M.	10	@ Furman (5-4)
M.	11	@ North Carolina (4-5)
M.	12	@ North Carolina St. (0-8)
M.	21	Samford (8-1)
M.	24	Southern Miss. (9-0)
M.	28	@ Memphis State (2-7)
M.	29	@ Mississippi State (rain)
A.	2	UAB (9-0)
A.	10	@ Kentucky (8-1)
A.	12	@ Tennessee (2-7)
A.	15	Jeff State (9-0)
A.	18	@ SW Louisiana (5-4)
A.	19	@ LSU (3-6)
A.	21	Georgia (4-5)
A.	26	Florida (5-4)
M.	8	Miami
M.	10	@ Auburn
M.	12	@ Ole Miss
M.	15	-18 SEC Championships-Oxford
M.	21	-26 NCAA Championships-Athens

WOMEN'S TENNIS

F.	22	@ Texas A&M (5-4)
F.	23	@ Tenn-Chattanooga (5-4)
F.	24	@ LSU (8-1)
F.	26	@ South Alabama (8-1)
M.	3	@ Auburn (5-4)
M.	8	@ South Carolina (0-8)
M.	22	Georgia State (9-0)
M.	23	Mississippi State (8-1)
M.	24	UAB (901)
M.	28	Southeastern (4th)
A.	2	Tennessee (5-4)
A.	3	@ Southern Invitational-Columbus, Ms. (4th)
A.	7	South Alabama (6-3)
A.	9	Auburn (8-1)
A.	11	SEC Championships (5th)
A.	15	MUW (9-0)
A.	18	State Championships (1st)
A.	26	@ Georgia (4-5)
M.	7	@ Miami (7-2)
M.	8	@ AIAW Regionals
J.	3	@ AIAW Nationals

WOMEN'S GOLF

F.	2	Peggy Kirk Invitational (3rd)
M.	7	@ Tide—Tiger Invitational (3rd)
M.	10	@ LSU Invitational (1st)
M.	14	@ Lady Kat Invitational (1st)
M.	27	@ Lady Paladin (8th)
A.	25	AIAW Region III (5th)
J.	11	@ AIAW Championships

WOMEN'S TRACK

M.	22	Alabama Invitational (1st)
M.	29	@ Memphis State (5th)
A.	5	Auburn (82-54)
A.	12	@ Dogwood Classic (non-scoring)
A.	18	Southern Invitational (1st)
A.	26	@ Becky Boone Relays (7th)
M.	3	@ AIAW State Championship (2nd)
M.	10	AIAW Regionals
M.	21	@ AIAW Nationals

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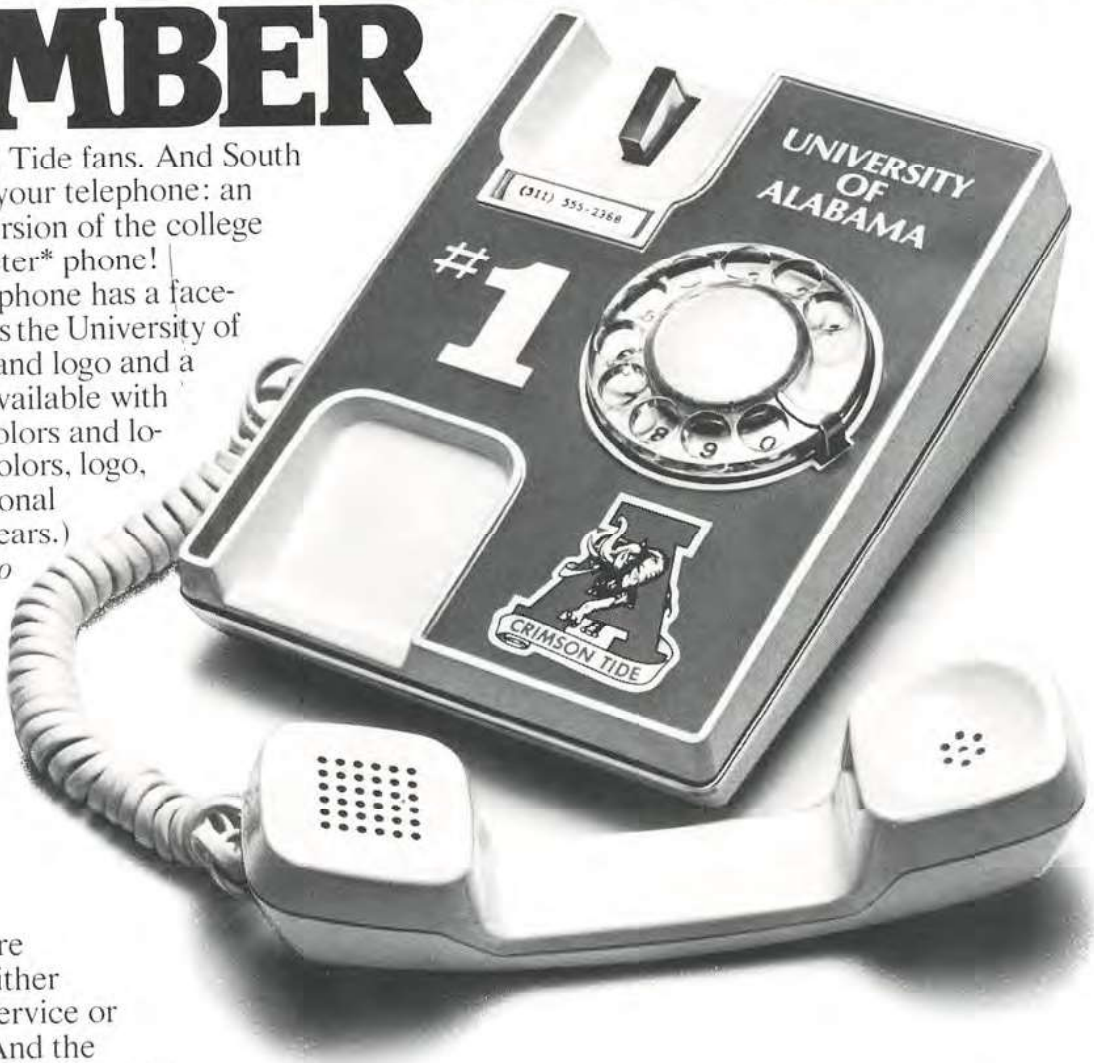

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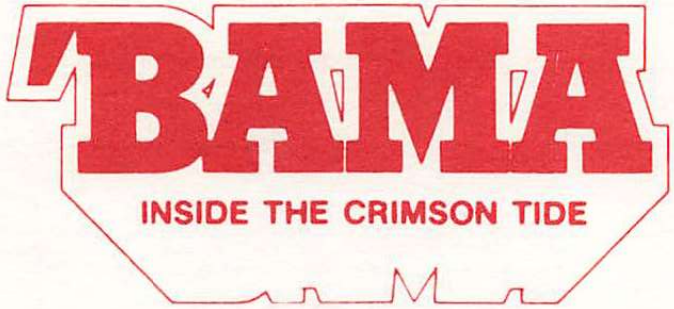

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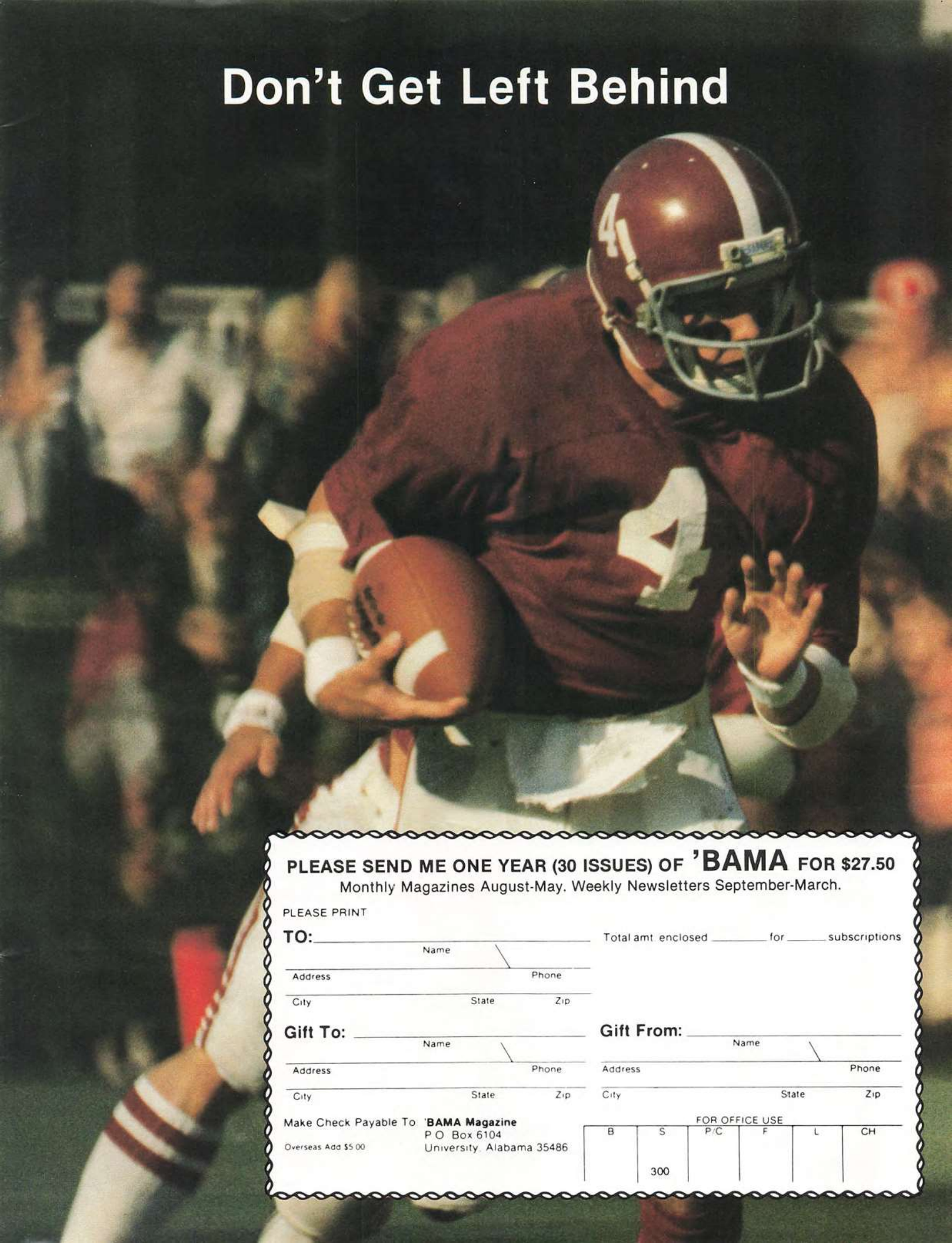

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